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INFORMATION

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Concordia's THURSDAY REPORT (CTR) *is not publishing this week. The following information bulletin was prepared by the Public Relations Department to help keep the Concordia community informed about recent budget developments, and about the search process for senior administrators. The next issue of* CTR *is March 2, 1995. The* Thursday Report, *as well as news releases and announcements about Concordia, are available each week on* C-CWIN, *the University's "gopher server," and* concordia.announce, *Concordia's electronic bulletin board.*

GOVERNORS DEBATE FINANCES AND SEARCH PROCESS

February 22, 1995 — Financial matters dominated much of the discussion at the February 15/95 Board of Governors meeting.

Rector Charles Bertrand, Vice-Rector Academic Robert Parker and Vice-Rector Institutional Relations and Finance Hal Proppe said that an "incredible amount of activity" is underway in the academic and service sectors to find ways to generate revenue, cut expenses and establish a comprehensive enrollment strategy to attract and retain more students.

Information from Québec City indicates that major funding cuts are planned next year in hospital and university funding.

When added to the $6.2 million shortfall already predicted for Concordia ($4.8 million plus $1.4 million earmarked for development), our share of this latest compression could mean that Concordia will have about $10 million less to spend in 1995-1996 than it does today. Some estimates place the latest round of compressions for Québec's University network at $60 million. Most of this money will be siphoned off to help service the province's debt.

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These compressions will be carried over into each subsequent budget year. The worst possible scenario, therefore, is that Concordia could face reductions of as much as $50 million during the next four or five years.

Both Dr. Bertrand and Dr. Proppe told the Governors that Concordia will be a far different place in the year 2000 than it is today. "We are going to be a smaller university in all ways," the rector said. Added Dr. Proppe, "there will be very fundamental changes to the nature of this university."

Besides reduced government funding, the estimated 10 million shortfall next year is due to falling enrollments, higher interest rates, the need to reduce Concordia's $37 million accumulated deficit, and the need to re-direct funds to pay for 1995-1996 salary increases for faculty and staff.

In other news, interviews are continuing to find candidates for the post of Vice-Rector Academic and Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science.

As reported February 17, 1995, three people have been named to the short list for Rector and Vice-Chancellor. They are: Dr. Donald N. Baker, Dr. Frederick Lowy and Dr. Claire McNicoll.

Sr. Eileen McIlwaine, Chairwoman of the Advisory Search Committee for Vice-Rector Academic, told the Governors that the committee held 10 meetings prior to February 15, 1995. The first round of interviews should terminate by March 8, 1995. At that point some candidates may be called back for a second interview, she said, or the committee may decide to publish its short list.

Mr. Leo Goldfarb, Chairman of the Advisory Search Committee for the Dean of Engineering and Computer Science, reported that his committee will be conducting interviews at least until mid-March 1995. A total of 22 candidates applied for the position. He added that there were "strong candidates" in the race — both internal and external.

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